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1. On 20 February 1951, an unusually large number of young officers were seen at the Luftnachrichtenschule in Halle (H 52/92). One senior lieutenant wore blue-bordered black epaulets and, on his left upper sleeve, a new insignia showing four obtuse-angled golden chevrons arranged on top of each other. All other officers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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2.  the tank training area at the Brandberge (hill)  infantry troops conducting a practice attack against a simulated enemy position, supported by two T-43 tanks

Among the infantry troops there were German Volkspolizei personnel who wore gray camouflage uniforms with a red arm band around their left sleeve. Some of the police carried portable radio sets. No segregation of the German police from Soviet troops was discernible during the exercise. Trucks  were parked on the road running past the drill field.

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3.  for about three weeks, several tanks have moved along Boellbergerweg toward the center of the city daily at 2 a.m. and returned toward the Flak Kaserne in Voermilitz between 6 and 7 a.m. They held night exercises at the Brandberge (hills).

All vehicles were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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